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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CAMP JOHN MUNZ DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Munz on Monday, June 13, 2011, at approximately 8:55 p.m. At the time of the incident, eighty-nine (89) minors were in the dorm with bathroom calls being conducted. Preliminary information is that several Hispanic minors left their assigned bed area simultaneously and without provocation, and assaulted approximately five (5) African-American minors. Hispanic minors eventually targeted other African-American minors within the dorm in the assault. Approximately 30 minors were actively involved in the disturbance, and there were approximately 25 additional minors inciting others by yelling and running around in the dorm.

Five (5) staff were assigned to supervise the dorm where the incident occurred; a total of nine (9) staff were on duty, along with one (1) work hardening staff on the facility grounds answering phones. After the initial fighting and in response to the alarm, staff from the administration office responded to the dorm. The minors that were out of their bed area returned to their beds when they saw the additional staff response. Several minors were then removed to the administration office.

Initial assessments indicate that there were a few minor injuries incurred during the incident with one camp staff possibly injuring his knee. A total of seventeen (17) minors were removed to special housing units for safety and security pending further investigation.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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